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This message is intended for the American community in Syria. If you have any questions, please contact the Consular Section at the above address. If you wish to be added to our e-mail distribution, we invite you to complete the registration process through our new registration website. To access the site please enter the following link address http://travel.state.gov or directly, at https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs.

WARDENS: Transmission of the following announcement by telephone is not mandatory.

The U.S Embassy in Damascus encourages all American citizens in Syria to vote in the upcoming elections, scheduled for November 4, 2010. The Embassy can accept absentee ballots from American citizens in Syria and forward them via mail to election officials in your home state – we recommend sending the ballots at least two weeks before Election Day. We also have information resources, including a Voter Assistance Guide, to help citizens identify absentee voting processes in each state (please note: the same information is available online at www.fvap.gov). Appointments to drop off ballots or other registration materials, or to ask for information about voting in person, should be made through our web site at the following address, using the "Notarial or Other Service Appointment" option:

https://evisaforms.state.gov/acs/make_calendar.asp?postcode=DMS&appcode=1&type=3&servicetype=NS&First=Y

Appointments are generally available between the hours of 9 am and 12 noon Sunday through Thursday (except the last Thursday of the month). If you are unable to come to the Embassy during these times (but would still like to drop off a ballot) or if you have additional questions or information requests, please send us an e-mail at votedamascus@state.gov.